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Report by Agent 'Gerard' on Paris-Based Polish Bookstore and Activities of CIA-Funded International Literacy Center

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Summary:
Report by a Polish intelligence agent on the International Literary Center (ILC) in Paris which lists the types of Polish people who were given anti-Communist books at the store (number of engineers, architects, intellectuals, etc.)

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Based on access to the documents of the Polish bookstore in Paris we have uncovered one of the New York-based International Literary Center’s activities in anti-communist indoctrination, relating to the distribution of anti-socialist literature.

It was established that in the first half of 1984, excluding May, the Paris-based Polish bookstore distributed 1267 copies of hostile literature to Polish visitors in France free of charge. The total expenditure was 145,894 French francs. According to lists of names, individual recipients were as follows:

- engineers – 26
- intellectuals – 24
- economists – 7
- journalists – 2
- sociologists – 5
- teachers – 8
- scientists – 3
- physicians – 4
- others – 65
- architects – 6
- students – 15
- historians – 4
- actors – 4
- lawyers – 3
- priests – 6
- musicians – 3
- art conservators – 3
- pensioners – 12

Furthermore, there were group recipients: student-athletes from Warsaw (14 people), a delegation to the International Youth Catholics Convention (62 people), the Szczecin Technical University Choir, a school trip of 16 people from Kartuzy under the supervision of teacher Dankowska.

In the first days of each month, lists of names, including addresses and occupations, titles of books and their prices, are mailed to the International Literary Center, which reimburses by check the Bookstore’s expenditures by the tenth of each month.

It was also established that ILC orders are taken by the Polish bookstore in London run by Jerzy Kulczyckki and the recently opened Polish bookstore in Vienna managed by Zofia Milewicz-Reinbacher. According to our intelligence, confirmed by the fraternal Czechoslovak secret service, the International Literary Center is a unit of the USA intelligence service.